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The following tribute to old friends was sent to us by a friend. Thanks.

## FRIENDS.

It's an overcome sooth for age and youth,  
And it brooks wi' nae denial,  
That the dearest friends are the auldest friends,  
And the young are just on trial.

There's a rival bauld wi' young and auld,  
And it's him that has bereft me!  
For the surest friends are the auldest friends,  
An' the maist o' mine hae left me.

There are kind hearts still for friends to fill,  
And fools to take and break them;  
But the dearest friends are the auldest friends,  
And the grave's the place to seek them.

When you get tired of "truly rural," for the cure of stammering, try "She sells sea shells; shall she sell sea shells?" rapidly. Or, "a white boot-black agreed to black the black boot-black's boots. The black boot-black being willing to have his boots blacked by his fellow boot-black who had agreed to black the black boot-black's boots," went to work.

*Youth's Companion.*

At a western revival meeting, a brother who could not be present sent a letter, which was read to the congregation, in which he says: "Praise God for grace to give 36 inches to the yard, 16 ounces to the pound, and not lie about calico washing!"

A writer in Harper's Magazine says we produce the best and cheapest Oil for illuminating purposes that is made, and as a consequence, there is a great demand for it. Tin cans of American Kerosene Oil may be seen on the backs of mules toiling over the mountains of northern Persia; in the dwellings of the people of China and Japan; in all civilized parts of South America and Africa, whilst its use in Europe is simply enormous. It commends itself to consumers over the world, and because of its excellence and cheapness, the world's markets and the means of reaching them, are placed at our disposal.

It is said that an editor in Georgia published a card, saying that, "on and after date, he would prosecute any person selling him intoxicating liquor of any kind, to the full extent of the law. This is not for the purpose of injuring whiskey dealers, but to get sober and stay so."

The brewers of Dubuque, Iowa, have received notice from their Insurance Companies that risks will no longer be taken on their property.

Vitriol was poured down the back of a Boston young lady while she was distributing anti-license ballots at a recent election. [Fiendish.]

Written for the Basket.

## PRONUNCIATION OF WORDS.

MR. EDITOR: In addition to the modestly enumerated list of accomplishments possessed by the worthy proprietor of "The Basket," we were delighted to observe from a recent No. that four-score years had not dulled his ear to the charm produced by agreeable TONES in conversation. Now, we doubt not that he, equally well, appreciates to hear correct SPEECH, such as polite usage and analogy have assigned to words.

Nothing is more attractive than accurate pronunciation, which results from distinct articulation, with proper accent, and a correct utterance of the elementary sounds. From the pulpit, the platform and the stage, we expect it; and enjoy it, with no less pleasure in the social and home circle. It is by the language they speak that we distinguish the educated from the illiterate; hence the necessity of avoiding that slovenly manner of calling words which indicates a deficiency in the very rudiments of a good education. Dictionaries are too easy of access to permit that one should remain in doubt regarding the right pronunciation of a word; and the person who does not find frequent necessity for referring to his dictionary must be extremely indifferent about his example in this world of imitators. The ear is the vehicle of sound, and young persons, especially, readily acquire habits of tone and speech—good or bad—according to the models furnished them. How much the following lines include:

"Speak clearly, if you speak at all,

Carve every word before you let it fall."

Errors, doubtless, often arise either from a failure to understand or a misuse of the diacritical marks. To be able to determine the exact pronunciation of a word in the dictionary often requires considerable skill; and, unless one is accustomed to it, the result is apt to be attended with doubt. In such cases it would be wise to seek enlightenment. "Better face a danger than be in constant fear." But oftener mistakes occur from carelessness, just as in reading.

A lady of intelligence consulting her lexicon about a word from the Greek, astonished us by saying it had been angel-icised; and a man of our acquaintance boasts of his *tin per cent.* investment, and another complains of having the neural-a-gy. C.LIO.

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In "Truth," Mr. Labouchere says: "Here is a singular instance of the ruling passion strong in death: A compositor who committed suicide some days ago, left the following note: 'Dear Mr. Skinner—Please excuse my leaving without the usual fortnight's notice, but I have received a peremptory summons to go to Heaven to set the title-page of the Book of Life. Yours, H. G. S. Agnew.' The jury naturally gave a verdict of temporary insanity.

"The tiniest flower that blooms, or the smallest rain-drop that falls," alike bespeak the loving care and kindness of our Heavenly Father.

"They that do bear the cross with patience shall wear the crown with joy."—Catharine Evans.

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We send our little paper to a number of persons who have not authorised us to do so, under the impression that they would like to have it, and that they would feel sufficient interest in a village paper, though it be a small one, to help to sustain it. If any such do not feel themselves able or willing to pay the little charge we make for it, so be it. We shall never trouble them about it. We have only two notices to stop it, and they must have good reasons for doing so outside of the little money consideration, and so it is all right. We shall still continue to hold "friendly relations" with them.

A Public School meeting is advertised to be held on Tuesday evening, March 20, at which the people will be asked to vote for some \$5000 for teachers' salaries, repairs, payment of bonds, &c. Also, to vote for trustees, or any other business relating to the school.

A Mad Dog is reported as having been roaming about the town recently, and that he had bitten several other dogs. As a protection against danger, the authorities have issued a notice prohibiting all unmuzzled dogs from running at large, at the risk of being destroyed.

Looked in at the Supper given by the Presbyterian Church on the 8th and 9th inst., in Armory Hall. It is quite a nice Hall, and very suitable for such purposes. The company appeared to be enjoying themselves, (or itself?), pleasantly, socially and gastronomically. We like the social feature of all such gatherings. They help to remove clamminess and soften asperities.

The Ladies of the Baptist church are now holding what they call a "Paper Fair," in the New Jersey Building. We have not been initiated into the mysteries of a "Paper Fair." We can comprehend oysters.

The Hadden Atheneum and Free Reading Association room was formally opened on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst. The President, Mr. Stiles, introduced the exercises by a few words of welcome, and Dr. Stevenson gave a historical account of the transactions of the Association from its beginnings up to that time, stating that there were between 200 and 300 volumes in the Library, to which it is intended to make additions from time to time.

Then followed Recitations by Miss Mary C. Barnes, and Mr. Wm. W. Wagner, and a cornet solo by Mr. G. H. Simpson, all of Philadelphia; vocal solos by Miss Kate Horter and Miss May Janney, whilst Mrs. J. E. Werner presided at the organ.

We should not omit to mention that Mr. J. D. Lynde, the treasurer, and prime mover in this enterprise, also made a little speech, for which he was so heartily applauded, that, in his pleasant, good-natured way, he called it a "noisy crowd." And, indeed, there was a good deal of applause and hilarity at times. The hall was crowded, including old and young, and the entertainment was very enjoyable.

The Library will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons, from 3 to 5, and every evening, except Sunday, from 7 to 9.30. Free.

The residents of the township met at the Town Hall on Saturday last to nominate persons for the various offices to be voted for on the following Tuesday. John H. Lippincott, ch'n, and J. Morris Roberts, sec. Most of the old officers were nominated, and elected on the following Tuesday. We may give the names in next No.

The "Gun Squad" housed a big gun on Saturday last, and tried its metal by firing it off several times in the afternoon; and, although our residence is a considerable distance from where it was fired, it caused the windows to rattle.

We had the fiercest storm of the whole winter—a regular blizzard—beginning sometime between Sunday evening last and Monday morning, probably about midnight. There had been a heavy rain the most of Sunday. In the night a furious western wind set in, accompanied with blinding snow, and a heavier snow-fall than any during the winter. It ceased snowing about noon on Monday, but the cold hurricane continued all the following night and the next day. The snow drifted into banks two or three feet deep in some places, and seriously interfered with our railroad travel, the trains being stuck in the snow and the ferry-boats stuck in the mud, the wind having lowered the water so much that boats grounded, at times, for several hours.

Miss Annie Wilkins has returned from her trip to Florida. She had the pleasure of seeing President Cleveland, his wife and party, on their late visit to the flowery land.

A bill has been reported in Congress in aid of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, Pa., of Revolutionary fame.

The Methodist E. Conference holds its Sessions in the Broadway Church, Camden, beginning on the 14th inst. (yesterday, 1 Bishop Foss presiding. Rev. E. H. Stokes, of Ocean Grove, was appointed to preach the opening sermon on Tuesday even'g, the railroads, storms, &c., "permitting."

"The Temperance Movement, or the Conflict between Man and Alcohol, by Henry William Blair, U. S. Senator," is a deeply interesting work of over 600 pages, and about 60 finely engraved Portraits of men and women workers in the cause of Temperance. He views the subject in its various bearings--Religious, Moral, Social and Legal.

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## DIED,

In Haddonfield, on the 10th of March, SAMUEL DODD, in the 84th year of his age.

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